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Good afternoon,

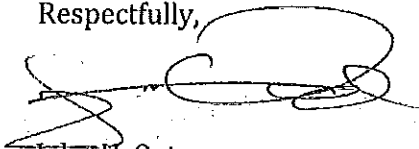
By way of this memo, please allow me to provide written testimony in *support* of HB 5580, an Act Concerning the Pesticide Advisory Council, the Recommendations of the Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force and the Elimination of a Municipal Mandate.

As presented, HB 5580 includes all five (5) recommendations of the Department of Public Health's Primary Services Area Task Force. The Task Force was created to study all aspects of the Primary Service Area framework. It employed a broad-based coalition of representatives from across the state. If implemented, the recommendations contained within the final report can set the stage for progress in the State's emergency medical services system.

I urge you to accept the Raised Bill as it applies to the Task Force report and forward the bill, as written, for consideration by the entire body.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully,



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